

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and further examination are requested.

The specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised to make a number of editorial revisions thereto. Due to the number of changes involved, a substitute specification and abstract have been prepared and are submitted herewith. No new matter has been added. Also submitted herewith are marked-up copies of the substitute specification and abstract indicating the changes incorporated therein.

Claims 16 and 17 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 11, 12, 18 and 21-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bowden (US 2005/0125088). Claims 13 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowden.

In order to expedite prosecution of the application, claims 16 and 17 have been amended into independent form, including the limitations of claim 11. Claims 21 and 23 have been amended into independent form and are apparatus claims similar to method claims 16 and 17, respectively.

Claim 18 has been amended so as to depend from claim 16. Also, claims 11-15, 19 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

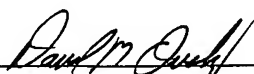
Additionally, new claims 25-29 have been added. It is noted that new claims 25-29 each depend on claim 16 or 17.

In light of the above discussion, it is apparent that only allowable claims remain pending in the application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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